

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 17, line 10 as follows:

The mold clamping apparatus of the invention has a frame 1 for holding a mold 2 in which a mold opening force is generated when a pressure for opening the mold is applied. The frame 1 comprises a holding portion 10 for holding the mold 2 resisting a mold opening force generated when a pressure for opening the mold is applied inside, and an open portion 11 allowing engagement or discharge of the mold 2 with respect to the holding portion 10 in a direction of the shorter side of the mold. Further, the mold clamping apparatus of the invention comprises mold moving device 3 for inserting or taking out the mold 2 into/from the holding portion 10 in the direction of the shorter side of the mold via the open portion 11 of the frame 1 and a mold opening/closing device 4 for opening/closing the mold 2 located outside the frame 1. The mold moving device 3 and the mold opening/closing device 4 are illustrated in Fig. 33.